

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 13, 2017

6:00 PM

Magnolia Town Hall

6:00 PM - Call to Order

Called to order at 6:01 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Jim Frazier; Scott Fowler, Rebecca Campbell, Mike Cohill, Shawn Ramsey, Ralph Satterfield and Diane Cahall were present.

Additions/deletions to published agenda

Additions: Water rates. Del Dot Meeting.

Council Minutes of previous meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Cohill and 2nd by Rebecca Campbell.
Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was presented with the payment of bills was submitted by Diane Cahall. Water bills have gone out for the 3rd quarter 2017. All invoices from Duffield Associates have been submitted for grant reimbursement. A motion was made by James Frazier to approve the report and pay the bills, seconded by Shawn Ramsey, Motion passed.

Public Works Report

Ralph Satterfield presented the public works report: 9/5: Flushed hydrants one week early. Posted notice in Post Office one week before. West Walnut remains more discolored than the rest of town. 9/13-15: Tried to get H2O service to 19 South Main – no leak; notified Scott Fowler. 9/16: replaced flags and cut grass. Dressed flags as needed. 9/19: Aztech replace curb stop at 19 S. Main, still no H2O. 9/20: Aztech returned – replaced line to main, H2O ok. Sidewalk repaired on North Main. (Shockley Concrete). Attended Del. League of Local Govt. meeting, Sec. Shawn Garvin came across very well; time will tell. He regards Dave Small very highly. A plus to me, time will tell. 9/21: Reported 3 streetlights out. 9/24: 20 S. Main leaks in house finally

repaired. Band aided by Farrow. 9/21: Hall roof painted. 9/17: Broken line at Magnolia Trailer Park; shut off water to park for 3 hours. 9/15: Small building from Vautard moved to 20 S. Main. Attended Orchard Church dedication. 9/12: MVFC 90th parade and 5K Run – no major problems. 10/7: Noise complaint at Fire hall being addressed very seriously by them as well as members; speeding to alarms. New owner of 19 South Main – Clint Moore.

Scott Fowler presented the following water report: Two repairs, Aztech repaired: \$1,789.96 and \$4,236.52. Lead and Copper samples completed and mailed. We will get letter every 3 years. Scott ordered Chlorine. The town used 1,030,000 gallons of water during September 2017. Pump 2: 450,000 gallons. Pump 3: 580,000 gallons. Well levels: 33', 26' and 33'. Pump 2 ran 35.6 hours, Pump 3 ran 31 hours. Chlorine average is .145. Asset Management Plan advised we should purchase a notebook, we are allotted in grant. The ARC GIS will be installed on the notebook, Scott and Diane will work on getting the best notebook for the best price.

New Business

Mayor Frazier met with Teresa of Strategic Insurance Company; added Dustin Russum making a maximum total of 6 part time employees.

Town discussed the necessity of raising the water rates due to increased cost of electricity, chemicals, repairs, etc. After much discussion; Mike Cohill motioned to increase the rate \$15 per quarter effective January 1, 2018. Shawn Ramsey seconded the motion. Diane will place a notice in the 4th quarter 2017 water invoices notifying residents of the increase.

Council respected all of the work Ted Barwinski did for the town and will all try to attend his service on Oct. 12th at Torbert's on Rt. 10.

Comprehensive Plan: Mayor Frazier advised council that he submitted a copy of Pre Plus Approval Plan on October 2nd. Mayor Frazier is on the agenda for the Oct. 25th meeting of the Office of Management and Budget. Regeneration of Comp Plan is 53 pages. University of Delaware students will redo statistics. Incorporate midterm and include all comments of 5 year review. State agency will input any changes required.

Council discussed the **MVFC Anniversary** Banquet in March. Mayor Frazier suggested instead of issuing a proclamation we could purchase EMT Protective vests. Rebecca Campbell suggested a 24 hours chair; which Ralph advised they already have. After discussion they decided to go back to proclamation unless another idea arises.

Mayor Frazier stated that bids for the **2018 snow removal** for town will be reviewed at the November council meeting. Anyone who knows of a company that would be interested should contact them. A scope of service will be drafted and offered to all interested.

Rebecca Campbell notified council that she would like to organize a **Town Clean Up** project. She found a discount on dumpster from RPJ but they do not take vegetation or yard waste. Rebecca asked town if we could put a trailer out and pay for dumping or rent a dumpster. Council discussed and tabled until the November meeting.

Election:

Rebecca Campbell, Michael Cohill and James Frazier are up for reelection for 2018. A notice will be posted on the town website, post office, restaurant and town hall prior to October 15th. A Certificate of Intention must be submitted by all interested parties prior to November 9, 2017.

Old Business:

Ordinance Implementation

Council discussed cost of Alderman and cost to the town; writing up an Ordinance infraction and have homeowner sign. Rebecca Campbell spoke with Regarding one time funding/ they will do a plan and present it to council.

For the TAP Program

Where there are no sidewalks they would be installed, provide safe routes to school. Tilcon trucks not permitted to travel through town, blinking school lights – like they have at Postlewaite. Traffic assessment which we have been unable to obtain. ADA compliant sidewalks; noting North Main has the highest sidewalks in town. If the sidewalks can be upgraded to ADA standards; Shawn Ramsey's would be replaced. Rebecca also commented that the yellow sidewalks are not painted in front of Church; council recommended we leave this situation alone.

Rebecca spoke with Penny Pierson from DSHA and emailed council including the on the Low Income Owner-Occupied Home Repair Programs in Kent County which can be located at:

http://www.destatehousing.com/flipbook/housing_services_directory/#!/0

Del Dot

Rebecca Campbell advised council that Colin Bonini will be at the Magnolia Fire Hall on October 24th from 7:30 am – 9:00 am. He is there to get a feel for concerns and issues, ideas and solutions. If you are unable to attend please submit any questions you have to Rebecca and she will address them.

Adjournment

Mike Cohill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm.
2nd by Shawn Ramsey, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Diane P. Cahall